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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 March 3, 2015


PATRICK O'QUINN
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**FIRE COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY
ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
SPECS. 7307; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 89054
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will authorize the Department of Public Works adding on behalf of the Consolidated Fire Protection District to proceed with construction of the electrical and mechanical improvements to the Fire Command and Control Facility required for the future installation of data equipment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve the project and adopt plans and specifications that are on file in the Architectural Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works for construction of the Fire Command and Control Facility Electrical and Mechanical Improvement project at an estimated construction cost between \$1,001,332 and \$1,112,580.
2. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on April 1, 2015, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline

BIDS: April 1, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

construction schedule, submittal list, and submittals for long lead items for a \$4,300 not-to-exceed fee funded by the existing project funds and to establish the effective date following the Board's approval.

4. Contingent on the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder preparing a baseline construction schedule that is acceptable to the Director of Public Works or her designee, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract to that bidder so long as the bid amount does not exceed \$1,112,580; to approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor; and to take all other actions necessary and appropriate to fully deliver this project.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to make the determination that a bid is nonresponsive and to reject a bid on that basis to award to the next lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to waive inconsequential and nonmaterial deficiencies in bid submittals.

6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a contract for this project if the bid of the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder exceeds the estimated cost range and can be awarded within the total project budget of \$1,862,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will adopt the plans and specifications, and authorize the Department of Public Works to solicit bids for construction and proceed with implementation and delivery of the Fire Command and Control Facility Electrical and Mechanical Improvements project. The FCCF building is located at the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District Headquarters at 1320 North Eastern Avenue in the City of Los Angeles.

On December 2, 2014, the Board found the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; established Capital Project No. 89054 with a total project budget of \$1,862,000; authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out the project, manage and deliver the project on behalf of the Consolidated Fire Protection District, award and execute agreements related to the project within the same authority and limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or her designee by the Board for County capital projects, and to accept the project and release retention upon acceptance; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to deliver the project using a Job Order Contract; and delegate authority to the Fire Chief to execute any easements required to complete the project, and authorize the Fire Chief to take all further actions and execute all documents necessary and appropriate to complete the project.

Due to the technical nature of the project and the need to purchase specific equipment that would work with existing uninterrupted power supply unit currently in the FCCF building, Public Works determined it would not be feasible to deliver the project using a JOC. We are therefore returning to the Board to adopt, advertise, and award a construction contract for the project.

Plans and specifications and jurisdictional approvals are now complete. Adopting plans and specifications, advertising for bids, and delegating to the Director of Public Works or her designee the authority to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for the preparation of a baseline construction schedule, and the authority to award and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder will allow an accelerated process for delivering the project.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder to prepare a baseline construction schedule that conforms to the County's schedule specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County. Bid documents provide that if the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder fails to complete an acceptable schedule, the Director of Public Works or her designee may return to the Board to recommend that the bidder be determined non-responsive and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder, contingent on that the bidder completing a baseline schedule that conforms to the County's specifications.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

The project supports the Board's Sustainable Design Program by implementing energy-efficient mechanical equipment, which will lead to a reduction in operating costs due to decreased energy consumption.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by maximizing the effectiveness of process, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public service. The project will achieve these goals by upgrading the electrical and mechanical systems in the FCCF, which will allow the Fire District to install future data equipment and provide an uninterrupted power supply, which will enable the facility to remain operational during a major emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated construction contract for the project is in the range between \$1,001,332 and \$1,112,580.

The total cost for the project is currently estimated \$1,862,000, which includes plans and specifications, construction, change orders, Civic Art, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services. There is sufficient funding in Capital Project No. 89054 to fully fund the project. There is no impact to net County cost.

Operational Budget Impact

There will be no impact to the current operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The contract will contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances and policies, including, but not limited to: County Code Chapter 2.200, Child Support Compliance Program; County Code Chapter 2.202, Contractor Responsibility and Debarment; County Code Chapter 2.203, Contractor Employee Jury Service Program; County Code Chapter 2.206, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program; Board Policy 5.050, County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities (GAIN/GROW); Board Policy 5.060, Reporting of Improper Solicitations; Board

Policy 5.110, Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers; and Board Policy 5.135, Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

Applicable law, including the State Public Contract Code, requires the County to award a construction contract to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder, which refers to the firm that: (1) submits the lowest cost bid; (2) is deemed by the County to be "responsive" to specific criteria under the solicitation, including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be "responsible" bidder by exhibiting the quality, fitness, capacity, experience, and trustworthiness to satisfactorily perform the work required under bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the contractors State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy 5.140, the information reported by the bidder will be considered before contract award.

As required by the Board, language has been incorporated into the project contract documents stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income Tax Law (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015).

In order to expedite construction of the project, it is recommended that the Board authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder if the low bid can be awarded within the total project budget of \$1,862,000 previously approved by the Board on December 2, 2014.

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

The plans and specifications will include contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and will be on file with Public Works.

As required by the Board, the project budget includes 1 percent of design and construction costs to be allocated to the Civic Art Fund per the Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on December 7, 2004, and subsequently amended on December 15, 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On December 2, 2014, the Board found the project categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301(a) and (d) and Class 1 (d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. There have been no substantial changes to the project scope since the Board determined the project to be exempt. A Notice of Exemption was filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A standard contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used for

construction. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

As required by the Board, language has been incorporated into the project contract documents stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income Tax Law (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice1015).

Advertising for bids will be in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements (Enclosure).

As required by the Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity will be listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website. In addition, prospective bidders will be able to download plans and specifications on Public Works' website, free of charge.

The contract requires the contractor to pay its employees applicable prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises in the proposed project is encouraged through Public Works' Capital Projects' CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBEs.

This project will be contracted in an open-competitive basis. A recommendation for award by the Director of Public Works or her designee will be made after review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code. The contract will be awarded to the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the authorized activities. The FCCF will remain operational during construction of the electrical and mechanical system upgrades.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

3/3/2015

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly distinguishable.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Arts Commission
Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Fire Department
Internal Services Department
Department of Public Social Services
(GAIN/GROW Program)

March 3, 2015

ENCLOSURE

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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish once a week for two weeks in a weekly newspaper or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Architectural Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803-1331.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works will receive sealed bids for furnishings, materials, labor, and equipment required to complete construction for the following project:

<u>SD</u>	<u>SPECS</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BID DOC. FEE</u>	<u>DATE OF BID OPENING</u>
1	7307	Fire Command and Control Facility Electrical and Mechanical Improvements Project	\$50	April 1, 2015

Copies of the project manual and drawings for the project may be downloaded for free from the Public Works website <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/constructioncontracts>; or for \$50, a copy may be obtained at the Cashier's office, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Mezzanine Floor, Alhambra, California 91803, for the fee stated above. For bid information, please call Ms. Kathleen Gandara at (626) 458-2566. Each bid shall be submitted on the required form, sealed, and filed at the Cashier's office no later than 2 p.m. on April 1, 2015. Bids for the project will be publicly opened, examined, and declared by Public Works at 2:30 p.m. on this date in one of the Main Conference Rooms, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803.

Bids must conform to the drawings and project manual and all bidding requirements. This project requires the prime contractor to possess an active B license classification with an active C-10 and C-20 license classifications (this may be possessed by a subcontractor to the general), at the time of bid submittal. The contractor should verify to his/her satisfaction that he/she holds the correct license for the project. The contractor and all of its subcontractors of any tier shall be required to pay prevailing wages to all workers employed in the execution of the work of improvement in accordance with the Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Copies of prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the Public Works, Architectural Engineering Division, which shall be made available to any interested party upon request.

PREBID CONFERENCE

The Public Works' Project Management Team will hold a mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit on March 17, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., at the Fire Command and Control Facility, located at 1320 North Eastern Avenue in the City of Los Angeles to provide information on the project, bidding process, and answer any questions that the potential bidders may have.

For further directions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Gandara with the Public Works' Architectural Engineering Division at (626) 458-2566 or kgandara@dpw.lacounty.gov.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting. The contractor shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Section 2000 of the Public Contract Code, to contract with Community Business Enterprises.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technical or inconsequential errors and discrepancies in bids submitted in the public's interest.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information



Individuals requiring reasonable accessibility accommodations may request written materials in alternate formats, physical accessibility accommodations, sign language interpreters or other reasonable accommodations by contacting our departmental Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (626) 458-4081, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make contact by first dialing the California Relay Service at 7-1-1. Requests should be made at least one week in advance to ensure availability. When making a reasonable accommodation request, please reference PM-3.

Información sobre la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA)



Individuos que requieran acomodamiento razonable pueden solicitar materiales escritos en formatos alternativos, acomodamiento físico, intérpretes en lenguaje de señas Americano u otros acomodamientos razonables comunicándose con nuestro Coordinador Departamental de la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades al (626) 458-4081, de 7:30 a.m. a 5 p.m., lunes a jueves (excluyendo días festivos). Personas con problemas auditivos pueden comunicarse primer marcando al Servicio de Difusión de California al 7-1-1. Solicitudes pueden hacerse por lo menos una semana antes para asegurar disponibilidad. Cuando se haga una petición razonable para acomodo, por favor mencione PM-3.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
dated March 3, 2015.

Specs. 7307

PATRICK OGAWA, ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES